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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
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MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Travel blogger jailed for disrespectful pictures:** Li Qixian, a travel blogger, was jailed for posting photos of himself in disrespectful poses while at the Xinjiang cemetery for Chinese soldiers.

II. News in China

- President Joe Biden is scheduled for a video call with Xi Jinping to discuss strengthening communication and ensure their relationship does not turn into conflict. As per reports, Biden will address human rights issues in Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong, air incursions into Taiwan's airspace, and cyber technology.
- After the 6th Plenum, Party officials across the country praised the Central Committee for summarizing history and emphasized maintaining Xi's position at the top of the political hierarchy.
- Speaking at the APEC summit, Xi highlighted the need to defeat the pandemic, restore economics, uphold open regionalism and economic integration.
- Meeting ASEAN countries' envoys in Beijing, Wang stated that China will continue to provide vaccine support, promote bilateral cooperation and relations.
- In order to better protect internet data security, while maintaining legitimate rights and interests of individuals and organizations, the Cyberspace Administration of China released draft regulations to involve the public in the decision-making process.
- In response to growing criticism over China and India's "phasing down" of coal, Zhao Lijian, the spokesperson of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, stated that phasing down coal is a gradual process. Additionally, developing countries still need a sufficient supply of energy. Lijian stated that developed countries should provide financial, infrastructural, and technological support to developing countries that are trying to phase down coal.
- With a resurgence of COVID-19 cases, Dalian, a port city in China's Liaoning Province, is expected to control and contain the COVID-19 cases.
- Wild boars in Southwest China's Sichuan Province have become a nuisance for the farmers in the region, as boars cause huge damage to the crops.
- The Beijing Municipal Bureau of Culture and Tourism released regulations aimed at performance agencies to ensure the education, rights, and interests of performers under the age of 18. The Bureau stated that the agencies need to stop misleading children with the idea of "becoming famous as young as possible."
- As per Dmitry Shugayev, the director of the Russian Federal Military-Technical Cooperation Agency, Russia will deliver the S-400 air defense missile system to India by the end of 2021. The contract between the two countries was signed in 2018.

- After the US's visit to Taiwan, China launched training drills in Taiwan Strait as means to "safeguard national sovereignty".

III. India Watch

- Despite differences between the two countries, India and China recognize the role that coal plays in their energy generation. China supported India's amendment during COP26 to change the "phase out" to "phase down". As both countries are trying to reel back in from their energy crises, coal production has increased in order to meet the demands for energy. Energy has become a common ground for the two.
- Russia continues to prove to be a reliable defense partner for India, despite Russia and China growing closer. The S-400 air defense missile system will strengthen Indian defense capabilities. Despite attempts by China to block India out of Afghanistan with the help of Russia, Russia continues to maintain its strategic and diplomatic autonomy by delivering the missile system to India.